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Ref: 2017-20950

Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation Post Office Box 94275 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re:

Hearing Application
4400' Zone, Reservoir A
LAKE WASHINGTON FIELD
Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: Swift Energy Company

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of Swift Energy Company for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the 4400' Zone, Reservoir A, in the Lake Washington Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

- To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 40 acres for the 4400' Zone, Reservoir A, designated as the 4400' RA SUA, Lake Washington Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, to be at an exceptional location all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
- To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of oil and gas from the said unit;
- 3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
- 4, To permit applicant, Swift Energy Company to drill, designate and utilize the Swift Energy Company-State Lease 17266 No. 5 Well as an alternate unit well for the 4400 RA SUA, such well to be at an exceptional location shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof;
- 5. To make a specific finding that such proposed alternate unit well is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain a portion of the 4400' RA SUA which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any other well within the unit.
- To grant a single unit allowable for the 4400' RA SUA and to permit the operator of the unit to produce said unit allowables from the unit well, the proposed alternate unit well, or from any combination at its option;

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- To designate a unit operator and a unit well for the 4400' RA SUA created herein;
- 8. To grant an exception to the spacing provisions of Statewide Order 29-E for the Swift Energy Company-State Lease 17266 No. 1 Well and the Swift Energy Company-State Lease 17266 No. 5 Well; and
- 9. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoirs as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The 4400' Zone, Reservoir A in Lake Washington Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana is hereby defined as being that oil and gas bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 4,193 feet (-3694' subset) and 5,621 feet (-4854' subset) in the Swift Energy-State Lease 17266 No. 1 Well (Cockrell-Moran No. 261 Well) located in Section 6, Township 20 South, Range 27 East, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties known to the applicant after a reasonable search were notified in writing in the pre-application notice dated December 9, 2003 that a conference to discuss the proposed application was tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 5, 2004. It was stated at that time that this conference would be held only if a request to confer were received by the undersigned within ten (10) calendar days after the date of the pre-application notice. No requests to confer were received either in writing or by telephone and, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the tentatively scheduled conference WILL NOT BE HELD. A minor revision to the southern boundary fault was made to the unit proposal.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a revised plat outlining the 4400' RA SUA, Lake Washington Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Remy Williams of W. H. Robbins & Associates, Inc., 140 Rue Beauregard, Suite 100, Lafayette, La 70508 (337) 232-5004.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

B. J. Duplantis

BJD/ht Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson District Manager Office of Conservation

> All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties

